Cactus In Bloom

UNUSUAL CACTUS plant was brought to the TIMES office by its grower, Mrs. Elijah Farrar of Evergreen. The star-shaped bloom is about 12 inches high, and is yellow-beige in color with red "dots" sprinkled all over the "star."

King Size Blooms

Mrs. Edwin Carter, Appomattox, reports that her cactus plant went on a blooming "spree" recently, with three giant blooms measuring 12 to 14 inches across. Mrs. Carter is president of the Clover Leaf Home Demonstration Club.

A Rouser For The Rebels

This fall a handsome, brown haired, hazel eyed athlete made a welcome return to Appomattox High School. Who? Richard Smith, of course! However, he is better known among his friends as "Wimpy Dippy".

Richard, a junior this year, is the top notch left end on our varsity football team. During his first year at A. H. S., after having lived in Appomattox for twelve years, he moved to Crewe. There he played basketball, football, and baseball at Crewe High School, and earned letters in all of these sports.

We feel our team really gained an asset when "Wimpy Dippy" moved back to town this summer. We're also looking forward to help from this boy on our basketball and baseball teams.

Richard is a B student and hopes to become a coach in the future.

Appomattox High School News

F. B. L. A. Club

The F. B. L. A. Club held a meeting on Thursday, October 4, 1962. The President, Eleanor Ranson, presided.

The club agreed that we would type the school newspaper and make handbooks for our new members.

Bill Allan Burke was elected a Co-Reporter for the coming year.

The following committees were formed for the coming year: Social, Bulletine Board, Finance Scrapbook, Parliamentary Law, and Research.

For the program, Ann Martin gave a talk on her trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she attended the F. B. L. A. National Convention.

How To Raise Healthy Hogs

For a successful hog production program, the best management practices must be used during the farrowing period, says Jim Smith, county agent. The number and quality of pigs weaned determines success or failure, he says.

Before farrowing time, scrub the farrowing quarters and equipment with boiling water and lye. Allow time for the house to dry and then use a good disinfectant.

The quarters should be bedded with ground corn cobs, shavings, or chopped straw. Before the sow is put in the farrowing building, wash her udders with soap and water to remove dirt and worm eggs. The sow should be moved to the farrowing house three to four days before she is expected to find pigs. This gives her time to get acquainted with the new surroundings. If she does not farrow when expected, she should be turned out once a day to exercise. To prevent constipation, sows may be fed a bulky ration that includes 15 to 20 percent wheat bran.

Be on hand when the sow farrows. Dry the pigs and dip their navel cords in iodine. In cold weather, place the pigs under a heat lamp. Each pig should be ear - notched soon after birth for litter records. Tips of needle teeth should be clipped, but take care not injure the gums.

Adjustments can often be made in size of litters by transferring pigs from extra large litters to smaller ones. If sows farrow within 48 to 72 hours of each other.

At three days of age, pigs should be given iron and copper, particularly if they are farrowed on concrete or wood floors. The intramuscular injection of iron is the surest way to prevent baby pig anemia. A second shot can often be eliminated by putting clean sod in the pen.

Loan Funds Raised

Additional funds have been made available by the Farmers Home Administration for Rural Housing loans.

Loan funds may be used to construct or repair rural homes or farm service buildings. In addition to major construction, funds are available to add bathrooms and modernize kitchens. Rural Housing loan funds can not be used to refinance debts.

Loans are made only to applicants who are unable to obtain the credit they need from private and cooperative lenders.

Further information on these loans may be obtained at the county office of the Farmers Home Administration located at Farmville. Hunter P. Evans is the County Supervisor. Mr. Evans also has part - time office hours at Appomattox at the ASCS office on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Appomattox County Library

"Books are keys to wisdom's treasure;
Books are gates to lands of pleasure;
Books are paths that upward lead;
Books are friends, Come let us read" — Emilie Poulson.

This week, the "Appomattox County Library" would like to introduce you to the Book Reviews from the 6th and 7th grade of Spout Spring School. Mrs. Pauline Thomas, teacher, shares much of the enthusiasm for books and reading as do her pupils. One book, **Paddle to the Sea** by Holling, was a "read aloud" book which the entire room enjoyed. Dolor Creasy writes the following review for the room:

PADDLE TO THE SEA by Holling C. Holling

Our class enjoyed this story of a young boy in the Canadian Wilderness who, because of a dream to travel, carved a figure of an Indian in a canoe.

He then christened it "Paddle to the Sea", and in spring set it on a melting snow bank to begin a long journey through the Great Lakes, down the St. Lawrence River, and then finally to the sea. How he escaped the jaws of a hungry sawmill, survived a dizzy plunge over Niagara Falls, wild animals fleeing from a forest fire and many other adventures is exciting.

Hitty: Her First Hundred Years. by Rachel Field

Hitty is an exciting story of wooden doll who turns to life on an antique shelf. Hitty tells about her thrilling stories and adventures on land and sea. (This book was the Newberry Award winner for 1930) by Judy Chamberlain, 6th grade.

The Story of Albertt Schweitzer by Anita Daniel

This is the story of a man who went into Africa as a missionary. I liked the book because of its stories of how Dr. Schweitzer helped the natives. Gail Jones, Grade 6th

The Animals of Doctor Schweitzer by Jean Fritz

Doctor Schweitzer is a kind doctor who lives in Africa and has a soft spot in his heart for animals. He has many kinds, each with a tale to go along with it. Ronnie Blanks, Grade 7.

In keeping with the Science Class which is being taught by Mr. Earle on TV, the 4th and 7th grades have found the following books most helpful:

Our Planet: The Earth Then and Now by Lillian Rifkin

In this book, I found many things about the earth. How the earth was formed, how plant life got here and how man came to be. I think you will enjoy this book. Richard Floyd, Grade 7.

Astronomy From a Dipper by Eliot Clarke

You will enjoy this book. It is the Dippers and other stars and where they are in the sky Peggy Cheatham.

The Adventure Book of Stars by Thomas Nicholson

This is an exciting book taken from the first giant rocket launched October 4th. I like the tales of the universe and satellites in space. Jaimon.

This book tells about and other planets and their moons too. Virginia.

Thanks to the graders for their favorite books. County Library will be every week . . . promised to send for.

The Appomattox School purchased home Young Reader's Encyclopedia—edited by College of Science. This is unusual from A-to-Z instruction — up-to-date information.

R. A. D.

RURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT

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This Is The Eighth In A Series Of Articles Concerning Appomatttox County And Its Rural Are Development Program

APPOMATTOX COUNTY POPULATION REVERSE OF OTHER RURAL COUNTIES TRENDS

The Appomattox County Rural Area Development Committee has been studying the county population trends and other population facts as a part of its study andanalysis program. Appomattox County population during the last 10 years is up 4.4%, while other rural counties of Virginia are losing its people. Appomattox certainly offers something to reverse this population trend. The per cent increase in the non-white population is greater than the total county average with an increase of 7.5%.

The rural farm numbers have dropped to 63.5% and the median age is older, it is now 28 years of age. Nine hundred fifty-two of the county's population of 9148 is over 65 years of age. This is more than 10% of the people. A disappointing fact revealed in data studied is that median schooling for those persons over 25 is two grades below the state average.

Three thousand, four hundred and eighty-one people make up the labor force for the county. Six hundred eighty-nine of these are farmers or farm workers. Other than household workers, the woman workers outnumber the men only in the category of machine operators and kindred jobs where 552 women are employed, 432 men work at these jobs. Women are fast increasing in the managerial and proprietary catagory. One out of every five such positions is occupied bya woman.

County family living index is up. In the last 25 years the family living has increased from 70% of the state average to 81% of Virginia's av This is excellent progress as the state is becoming more urban and areas usually have higher living indexes.

Another significant trend is the shift of 17% of the people from Appo County farms since 1930. In 1930 more than 80% of the population on the farms, in 1960, less than 64% reside on farms.

Skilled and semi-skilled workers are on the increase. The increase in in this classification is important as the hourly wage scale is for ou of unskilled labor. This fact partly explains why the average family in Appomattox has increased at a more rapid rate than the state av Most of the increase in the county's population in the past decade ha in the age group 45 years and over, with much of the increase in years and older group. If this is a good trend, we should advertise opportunities and advantages to those people who will soon retire. group will not add materially to our school cost. It does raise the quest do we offer recreational facilities to this age group? What are other we need to do to make our county more attractive to this increasing of our population? Are we slow in efforts to attract the skilled & semi trained workers?

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Fire Prevention Week

Call The Family Together, Work Out Fire Escape Plan

Would your family know what to do if fire should strike your home tonight?

If you can't answer affirmatively, you should immediately call a family conference to work out a fire escape plan.

The first two things you should do are: (1) Get everybody out of the house quickly, and (2) Call the fire department. In most homes this should take less than a minute. However, if the fire has gained headway, getting out of the house could be the most important single act in your life and that of your family.

There are certain things that you can do to be prepared if fire should strike your home, says the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

First and foremost, everyone in your family, from small children to elderly people, should know alternate means of escape from the home.

Draw Up Escape Plan

The National Board recommends that tonight you sit down with the members of your household and work out an escape plan.

If you live in a conventional two-story home, you should plan two possible escape routes to the ground from any upstairs bedroom. Then, if flames or smoke cut off one of the escape routes, you will have the alternate one to use.

It is particularly important that small children and elderly people know routes to the outside and are made aware that with the first smell of smoke, they should leave the house quickly and not return.

If you employ a baby sitter, be sure the sitter is acquainted with your plan for escape from fire. And if you have house guests, it's a good plan to acquaint them with the escape routes also.

What do you do if, say, you are sleeping in an upstairs bedroom and smell smoke or hear the crackle of flames?

Here's what you should do:

First, don't rush out into the hallway immediately. Instead, go to the door and place the palm of your hand on it.

If the door does not feel hot, you may open it slightly. Holding your head away, brace the door with your foot and put your hand across the opening to find out how hot the air is. If the hallway appears cool and no flames or smoke are pouring up the stairway, you may be able to use the stairs as a route of escape.

If the door is hot, the hallway may be already aflame or filled with hot and toxic gases.

If you have another escape route, such as through the window and onto the roof of a porch, use this route.

Keep Bedroom Door Closed

It is important that you keep the bedroom door closed. A door is a good fire wall which may give you two to five minutes of extra time if flames come up the stairway.

If the hall outside your upstairs bedroom is aflame, go to the window and call for help, but don't jump out. You could injure yourself needlessly.

Keep calm, open the window, and breathe the fresh air outside.

If flames start eating through the door, and it becomes necessary to jump to the ground, drop pillows, clothing, bedding or anything else soft on the ground beneath the window. This will give you a cushion to land on. Then, carefully, lower yourself over the window sill to reduce the distance to the ground and drop onto the pile of bedding.

Ramblings About Clay Pipes

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to retrogress a these pipes were e Pamplin Drug ly been a Gen- Rare, owned ly Mr. W. D. ther of Miss Wil-

was returning, m, from a trip ty. On the train, conversation with man who was pipe. He said what are you said, "Missy, the best smok- but it's mighty these pipes now"; told her that, had been a clay Pamplin and that if she could find her and, if so, them to her.

after her return, and she awaken- and began to ould keep her ful woman. She she recalled that her father, who died when she was ten years old, used to buy these pipes from the local women who had made them in their homes, as mentioned previously. She remembered that her father had taken these pipes in exchange for the necessities of these people, sugar, coffee, calico, spool cotton, etc. She knew that he had shipped pipes whenever he had a demand for them but that he had stored many boxes of them in the cellar —a dirt-floor cellar — beneath the store.

The cellar door slanted from the ground level: and, since the door had long since deteriorated, great quantities of earth had washed down and so she did not know whether or not any of the pipes might still be there. She and I decided to find out; with picks and shovels, we, too, became amateur archaeologists, and began to dig. What we found was fascinating to both of us—many shapes and sizes of hand-made clay pipes. We dug for days and ended with about five sugar barrels of these pipes. We could have dug many more if we had not become so weary and also if the members of our family had not complained so much about our bedraggled appearances when we returned home at the end of each day. We cleaned some of these pipes — quite an undertaking — as they were filled with mud and tar barrels of tar had been stored in the cellar, also, had spilled or been turned over). We carted our findings home in wheelbarrows, stored them in a building in the back yard, and there they have been until Mr. Walker came down to look them over.

Mr. Walker said he would like to get samples of each variety. When he saw the number of barrels and boxes, I think he realized it would be too much of an undertaking, in a limited time, to empty all of them out and so he just dug around a bit into each barrel and found about fifteen varieties, I think he said.

Mr. Walker said that he expects to do some research on these pipes. He stated that some of the shapes are like those of pipes which he has unearthed from Indian mounds in Tennessee, North and South Carolina and in Georgia. He is greatly interested to know just about when these pipes were made, and wonders if some of the ancestors of the women who made them may have learned the art from the Indians, which must be the case.

I called several of the older citizens of Pamplin to see if anyone knew just how old the village of Pamplin is. Miss Kate Frankin, a relative, told me that the original name of Pamplin was **Merryman's Shop**— something that I had not known — and that the name was changed to **Pamplin Depot** when the railroad went through. She did not know in what year that was, however. She did give me one bit of information that helps a little; she had one of her mother's wedding invitations, dated January 11, 1871, and the address on the invitation was "Pamplin Depot" which means that the railroad had gone through at that time. She told me something else which isn't too apropos of this article but is interesting: Mr. Nicholas Pamplin, a resident of Merryman's Shop was the only citizen who permitted the railroad to go through his property without charge, and so the village was named for him. The name, later, when the town was incorporated, was changed to "Pamplin City" then to Pamplin. On highway signs, I notice that again the "City" has been added.

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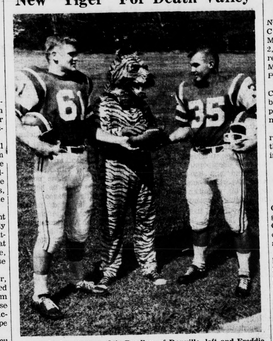
New "Tiger" For Death Valley



Two Senior starters, Otis Bradley, of Danville, left and Freddie Mitchell, of Appomattox, discuss plans, for conquering opponents for the coming season with the new Hampden-Sydney Tiger mascot. The "Tiger" will perform at all ball games this year.

Tigers Play E&H

Winston Hall To Be Dedicated At H-SC Homecoming Saturday

Dr. Woodrow Wilson Wilkerson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the speaker at the dedication of Winston Hall at Hampden-Sydney College's Homecoming Day, Saturday. Dr. Wilkerson is a graduate of the College, class of 1934.

Winston Hall, which houses the kitchen-dining room area, recreation areas and eight rooms for student activities, is named for the late Dr. James Henry Curry Winston, professor of chemistry and geology at Hampden-Sydney from 1899 until his retirement in 1949. His tenure of service as teacher was the longest of any professor in the history of the College. He died in 1961.

Prior to the 11 a.m. dedication service, the annual alumni meeting will be held at Johns Auditorium at 10:30. At noon, a buffet luncheon will be served on the lawn beside Winston Hall.

Football Contest

The Tigers will host Emory and Henry for the Homecoming football game at 2 p.m. Star of the visiting football team is Earl Hawkins, voted Virginia's outstanding high school football player at Petersburg High two years ago. Hawkins scored five touchdowns two weeks ago when Emory and Henry defeated Washington and Lee, ending the Generals' 22-game win streak.

Following the football game, Alumni Open House will be held at Gammon Gymnasium. Most of the fraternities will have buffet dinners for members, families and guests after the game also.

Another feature of the 1962 Homecoming will be the 25th Reunion Banquet for the Class of 1937 at the William Henry Harrison Room in Winston Hall. The room is named for the ninth president of the U. S., who was an alumnus of the college.

Dr. Thomas E. Gilmer, president of Hampden-Sydney College, extends welcome to all alumni and friends of the College.

Completes Training

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (PFTNC) — Marine Private Willard C. Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard C. Johnson, of Route 2, Appomattox, Va., completed recruit training, Sept. 19, at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

The indoctrination to Marine Corps life includes instruction in basic military law, discipline, physical conditioning and other military subjects.

Three weeks are spent on the rifle range, where recruits fire the M-14 rifle and are instructed in other infantry weapons.

D. O. Club Meets

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, the D. O. Club of AHS met for an organizational meeting. Eleven stu- Cooperative Training program dents enrolled in the Industrial arts at the high school are enrolled.

Officers elected were Eric Wilkins, pres., Iris Garrett, Juanita Maddox, secty., Diane Fuller, treas.; and Wayne Phelps, reporter.

Committees were appointed at the first meeting and a possible safety project was discussed.

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Dove Season Open

The Virginia Game Commission has divided this year's dove hunting season into two parts: Sept. 15 through Nov. 3 and Dec. 17 through January 5, 1963.

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